

## APPENDIX 1 - 2017 RFAS RECOMMENDATION PROGRESS

The Regional Food and Agriculture Strategy (RFAS) actions that are currently underway include:

RFAS Recommended Actions	RFAS Reference	Status	Status Note	
1	Establish and support a Task Force	1, 2ii	Completed	The RFATF was established and members appointed by the CRD Board on December 14, 2016.
2	Provide wildlife information and tools	5i	Started	Deer and geese information and toolkits are available to farmers. Deer damage and complaints on the Peninsula have dropped considerably, however, geese damage remains a problem. Additional geese information sessions will be planned in 2017 and provided in 2018 in partnership with the CRD Parks and the Regional Canada Geese Management Working Group.
3	Identify CRD divisions that would benefit from agricultural expertise	2i	Not Started	CRD staff continue to work with other divisions to increase agricultural awareness and expertise particularly focusing on water conservation and acquiring agricultural data.
4	Build understanding of links to public health	2i	Not Started	
5	Solicit input, support and partnerships	2i, 2iii, 7	Started	CRD staff and RFATF members continue to solicit input, support and partnerships for food and agriculture both inside and outside the CRD.
6	Determine what additional agricultural information is required	2iii	Not Started	CRD staff continue to work with other divisions to increase agricultural awareness and expertise particularly focusing on water conservation and acquiring agricultural data.
7	Establish & update data sharing agreements	2iii	Not Started	CRD staff continue to work with other divisions to increase agricultural awareness and expertise particularly focusing on water conservation and acquiring agricultural data.
8	Identify indicators to measure impact of RFAS implementation	2iii	Not Started	Supporting CR FAIR process to help determine path forward.

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9	Initiate a process to establish a regional food and farmland trust (process could be determined with existing resources -- implementation would require additional resources)	9	Started	Established that RFATF thinks there is a CRD role and advanced this to Committee for consideration.
10	Complete a regional food and farmland trust feasibility strategy	9	Not Started	Pending Committee/Board direction.
11	Seek Task Force input into recycling & integration of organic waste	3	Not Started	Not started - seeking current information from Environmental Sustainability.
12	Identify approaches to address drainage issues	4	Not Started	Discussion and data collection with Ministry of Agriculture.
13	Facilitate FN access to wild game	5i	Started	First Nations relations and partnerships developed through the Regional Deer Management Strategy process and implementation continue to improve. Staff continue to maintain existing opportunities and seek additional partnerships to improve First Nations access to wild game.
14	Reduce impact of invasive species on CRD lands	5ii	Started	The CRD continues to provide education on invasive species as a member of Capital Region Invasive Species Partnership (CRISP) we provide support, primarily around education and we manage invasive species on our own land. CRISP is a collaborative partnership of local governments in the CRD.
15	Provide residents with educational support for dealing with invasive species	5ii	Started	In progress by CRD Environmental Sustainability
16	Provide access to irrigation water and affordable agricultural water rates	6	Started	The CRD Integrated Water Services (IWS) under the guidance of the Water Commission and the citizen's Water Advisory Committees, has maintained bulk water rates for rural producers.
17	Consult and involve food and agriculture community re: water rates	6	Not Started	Pending discussion with Integrated Water Services.

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18	Encourage innovation in water conservation	6	Started	Ongoing through CRD Environmental Sustainability.
19	Facilitate access to funds for investment in infrastructure	6	Not Started	Additional sector and stakeholder input required.
20	Encourage water conservation activities	6	Started	Ongoing through CRD Environmental Sustainability.
21	Explore possibility of extending agricultural water rates to urban producers	6	Not Started	Discussions regarding the bulk water rate are ongoing and may be supported by additional information collection such as an agricultural water demand model in 2018. This information may help support conversations around agricultural bulk water rates for urban producers.
22	Encourage increased investment and innovation in water conservation	6	Not Started	Additional collaboration with Environmental Services required.
23	Promote farmer workshops on drainage design	6	Started	Throughout 2015 and 2016 the CRD Environmental Partnerships Division sponsored sessions featuring innovative ploughing technique called "Keyline Design" which uses natural landscape contours and farming techniques to slow, sink, spread and store rainwater as well as build soil fertility. Additional workshops are planned for 2018 to further educate farmers on innovative water conservation opportunities.
24	Support and participate in Aboriginal food issues and agricultural activities	7	Started	First Nations relations opportunities that pertain to food and agriculture are addressed as needed.
25	Participate in and support Aboriginal festivals, celebrations, feasts and ceremonies	8	Started	Regional Planning staff have an ongoing collaborative partnership with the First Nations Relations staff to maximize food and agriculture opportunities as they arise.
26	Support FN initiatives to revive, reintroduce and restore access to traditional foods	8	Started	Aboriginal Initiatives staff committed to actively initiating conversations and connecting with any communities that show an interest or are actively engaging food and agriculture issues.

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27	Explore accommodation of access to Regional Parks for traditional and cultural uses	8	Started	Aboriginal Initiatives staff collaborate with Parks staff to discuss access.
28	Increase CRD in-house knowledge and expertise	2ii	Started	Staff continue to develop partnerships across divisions and share information.
29	Build more complete and accurate database	2iii	Not Started	IWS pursuing ALUI and AWDM for 2018.
30	Expand wildlife programs to adjacent EAs	5i	Started	Wildlife programs were also extended to other EAs through partnerships with Parks Canada, Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Environment, Islands Trust and Mayne Island.
31	Develop an economic development strategy	10	Not Started	Task Force will consider in 2018.
32	Establish a legal structure and supporting fund for a farmland trust	9	Not Started	Pending Committee/Board direction.
33	Support others to find a solution to lack of farming infrastructure	10	Not Started	Additional sector and stakeholder input required.